Morphine

* Statistics show that Prescription abuse and Morphine Abuse cost Americans over $484 billion annually. This figure includes healthcare costs (and abuses of that system), lost job wages, traffic accidents, crime and the associated criminal justice system costs.
* According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately 10 to 22 percent of car crashes involved drivers who have been using drugs.
* Prescription use and addiction is linked to at least half of the major crimes in this country, as at least half of the suspects arrested for violent crimes, such as homicide and assault, were under the influence of drugs when they were arrested
* Stress is a major factor in Prescription use and abuse.
* Sadly, nearly two-thirds of people in Prescription abuse treatment report that they were physically or sexually abused as children. Child abuse is a major contributing factor to Morphine Abuse.
* Street names: Roxanol, Duramorph; M, Miss Emma, monkey, white stuff.
* Do not drink alcohol while you are using morphine. Dangerous side effects or death can occur when alcohol is combined with morphine. Check your food and medicine labels to be sure these products do not contain alcohol.
* Morphine may be harmful to an unborn baby, and could cause addiction or withdrawal symptoms in a newborn.
* Reduces a person's level of consciousness, harming the ability to think or be fully aware of present surroundings.
* Morphine addiction withdrawal can cause physical and emotional trauma including stroke, heart attack, and even death.
* Signs and symptoms of a morphine overdose :
  + Fluid in the lungs
  + Cold, clammy skin
  + Flaccid muscles
  + Stupor
  + Slow breathing
  + Slow heart rate
  + Coma
* Morphine produces peripheral vasodilation which may result in orthostatic hypotension. Release of histamine can occur and may contribute to opioid-induced hypotension. Manifestations of histamine release and/or peripheral vasodilation may include pruritus, flushing, red eyes, and sweating.
* Can be taken orally and intravenously

References:

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